

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Congo

a. Tshombé's drive for power is sending nervous shivers down political spines in Leopoldville.

b. Among the most concerned is Kasavubu who wants very much to remain president. Under the new constitution, the presidency becomes the most powerful office in the land.

c. For his part, Tshombé clearly does not intend to let sentiment stand in his way.

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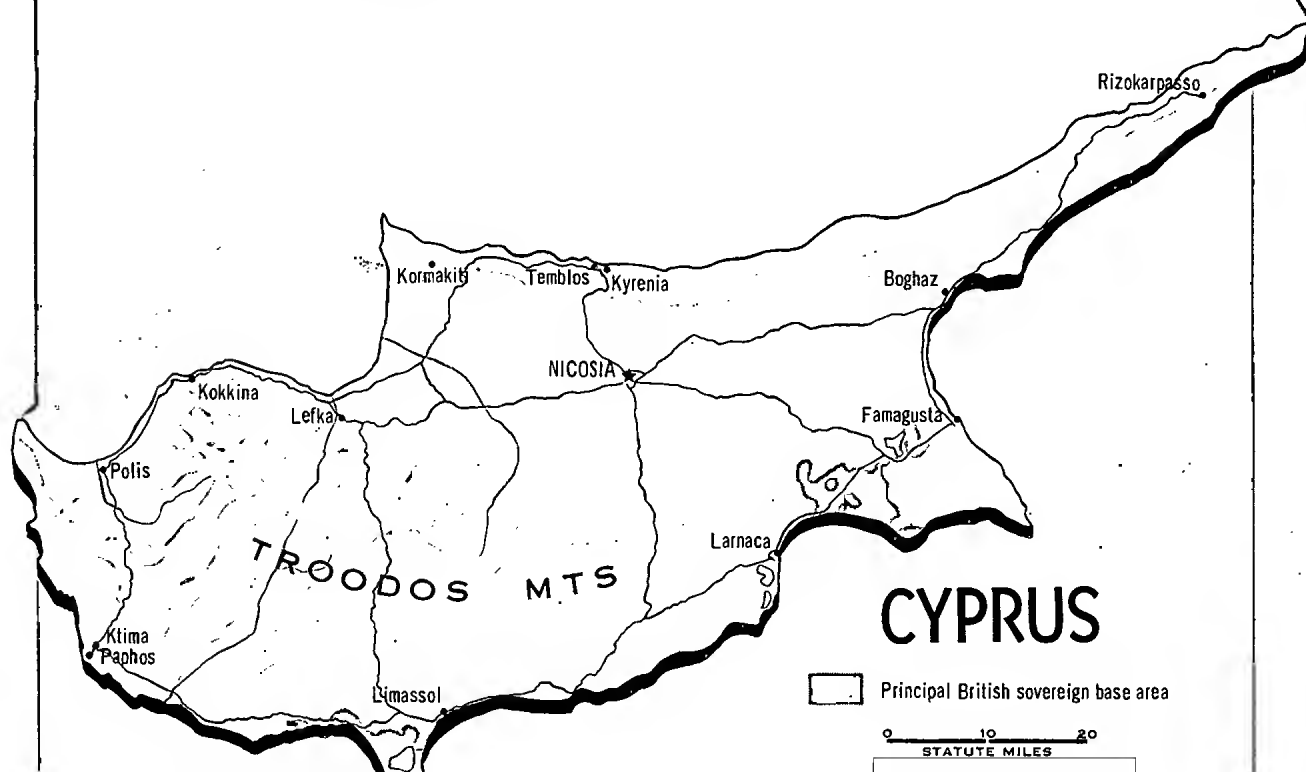
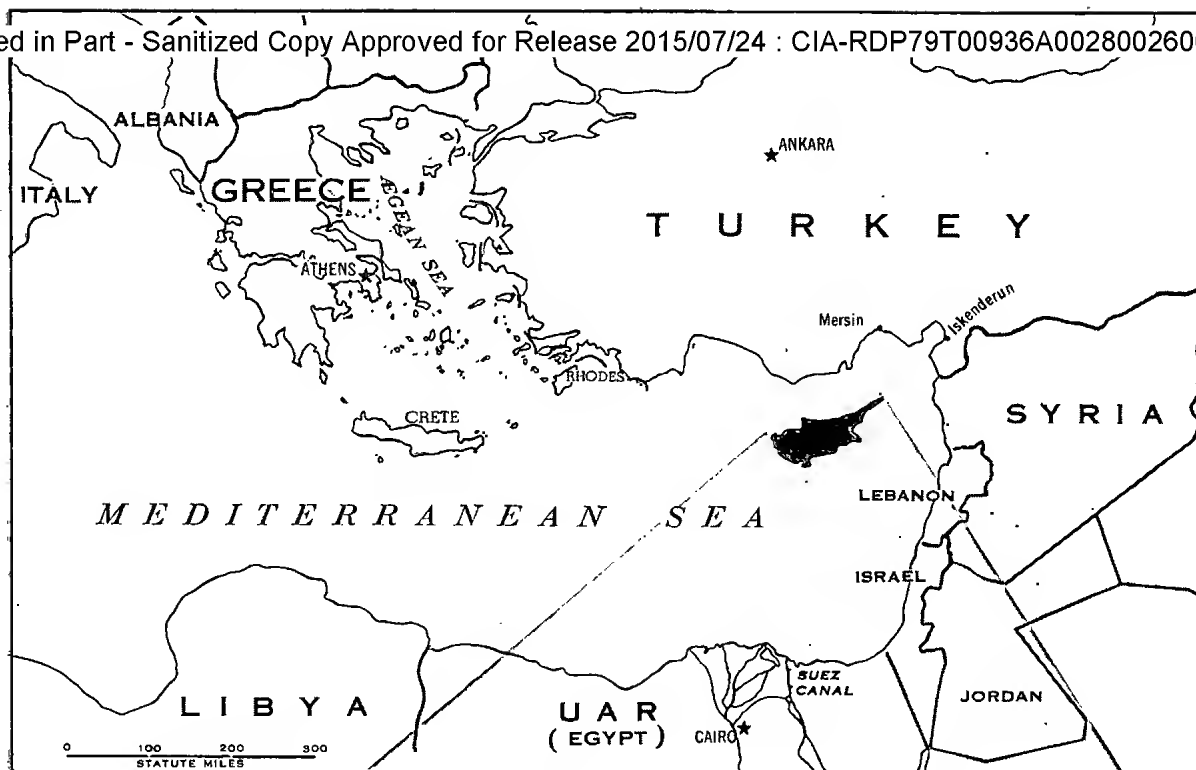
d. Meanwhile, in the east, the Tshombé regime is zeroing in on the North Katangan rebels, very likely with a view to ensuring a safe haven if all does not go well in Leopoldville.

2. Brazil

a. The Brazilian Congress will vote in the next day or so on a draft constitutional amendment, one effect of which will be to extend Castello Branco in office until March 1967.

b. Though he is on public record as opposed, there is reason to believe that this is a matter of political expediency and that he will agree to serve.

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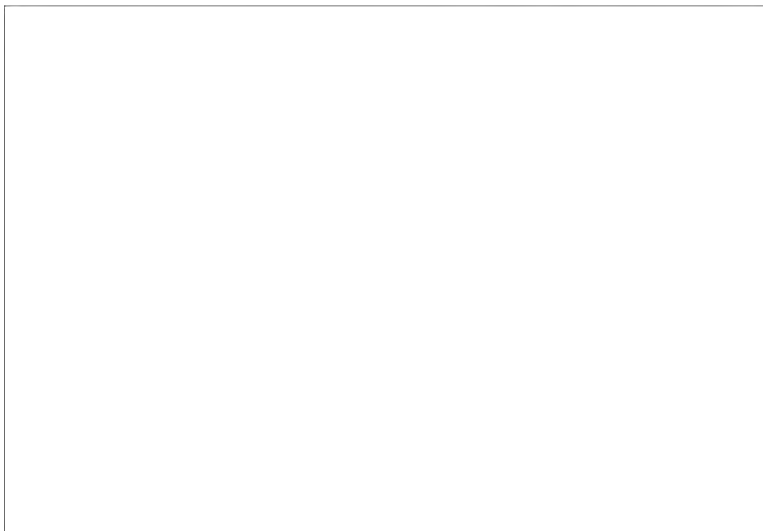


c. Passage of the amendment will probably bring a storm of criticism down around the president's ears. Already Lacerda, an avowed candidate, has condemned it as "benefitting only opportunists and sinister adventurers."

d. Castello Branco has, however, shown he has a reasonably thick skin and no major crisis is expected.

3. Cyprus

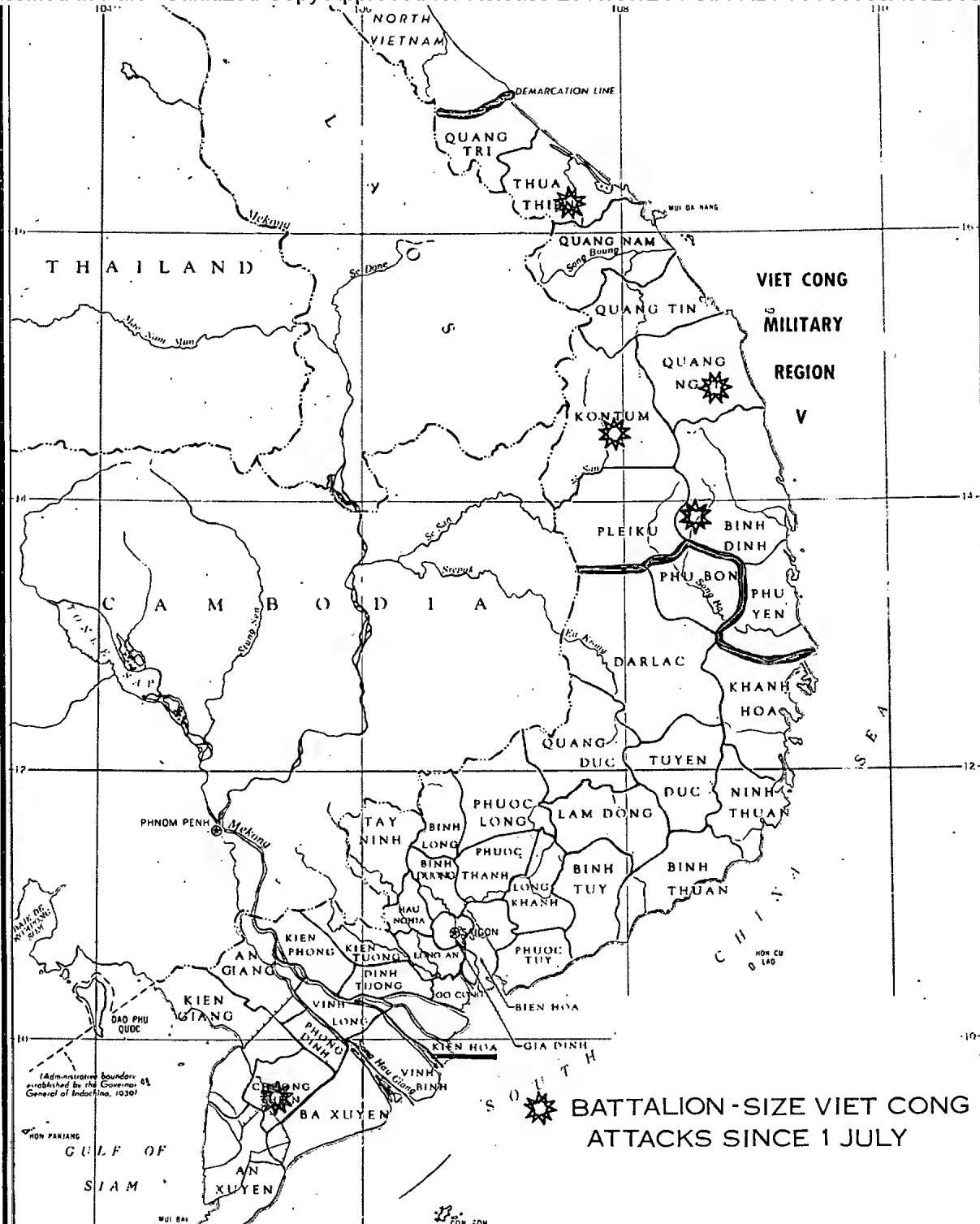
a. Reinforcements for the Greek Cypriots continued to arrive over the weekend.



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South Vietnam

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4. South Vietnam

a. The Viet Cong on Saturday threw a force of two battalions against an isolated government outpost in Chien Thuong Province, and then waylaid a column of provincial irregulars being rushed to its relief.

b. This is the largest action so far in the stepped-up Communist effort this month. Casualties on the government side were heavy.

c. The action took place near a Communist base area and near the scene of a big, five-day battle last April.

d. Further activity in the delta area south of Saigon could be in the cards.

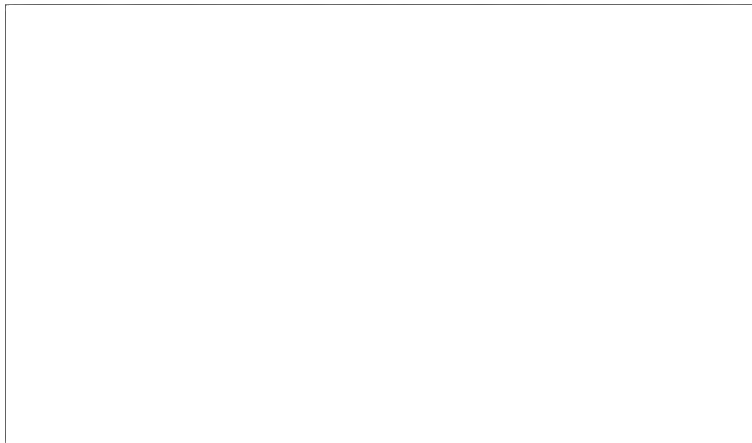
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the Communists plan to hit Kien Hoa Province hard this month.

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5. South Vietnam -
Cambodia



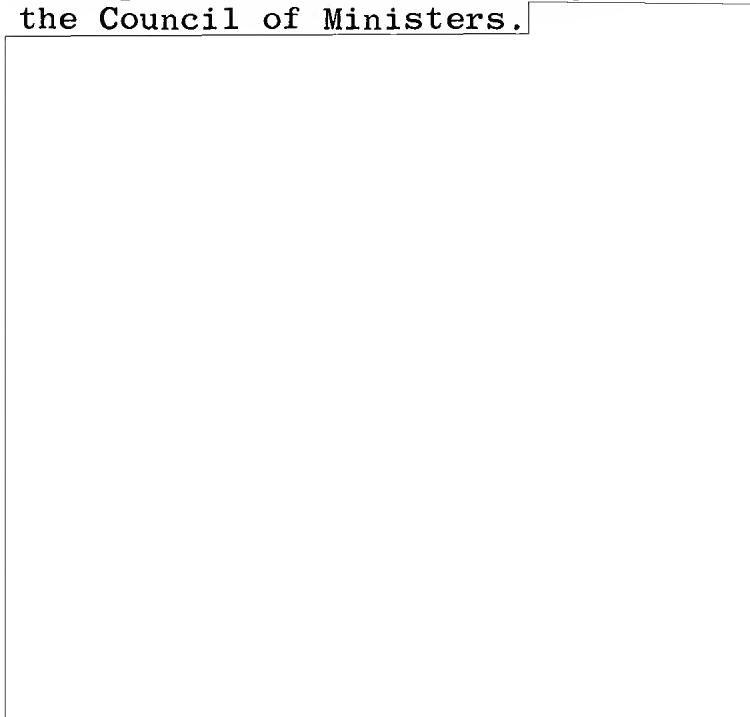


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6. Laos

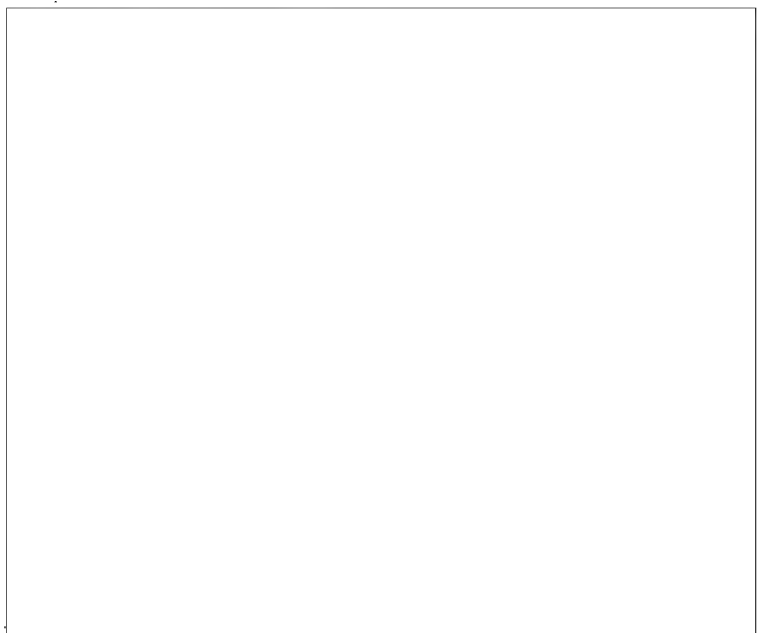
a. King Savang has emerged from his palace in Luang Prabang and has recently been playing an active and constructive role.

b. He has been in Vientiane this past week for a meeting of the Council of Ministers.



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7. Pakistan



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NOTES

A. Haiti The small band of rebels which landed in southern Haiti two weeks ago is still at large and there are signs that popular opposition to Duvalier may be awakening. [REDACTED]

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B. Communist China - Indochina We are still trying to find out what transpired at the traveling series of high-level talks, begun last month, in Peiping, Kunming, Hanoi, and Rangoon.

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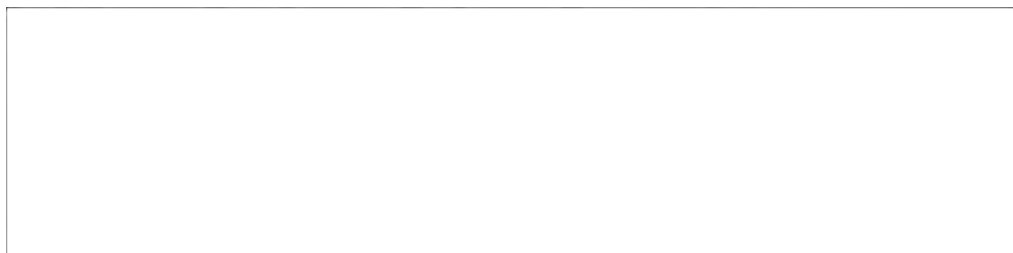
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